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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1242)

FROM : SA M. W. MEEKINS

SUBJECT: DAVID KOHLER

DATE: 12-3-63

CI       SI  
 PCI       PSI

Dates of Contact 11-29-63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JACK LEON RUBY, aka; LEE HARVEY  
OSWALD - VICTIM - Deceased, CR

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Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE  
 POSITIVE

The memo to all agents dated 11-25-63 concerning JACK LEON RUBY, aka; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka - VICTIM - Deceased, Civil Rights", in part, relates to the arrest of one JOE KRASNO and LOU SIMON at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, bookmakers during the mid 1930's. PCI is known to have been engaged in bookmaking himself during that period, operating from Krasno's Bar located at 782 North Water Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In view of the background information furnished concerning JOE KRASNO and LOU SIMON, PCI was contacted for purposes of developing information concerning KRASNO and especially SIMON.

PCI stated that he knows both JOE KRASNO and LOU SIMON, for

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many years; that KRASNO was married to a madam, who, for years, operated in the vicinity of Cudahy, Wisconsin, but that KRASNO never operated from her establishment; that KRASNO had been a bookmaker and gambling operator, probably dice, in the Milwaukee area for many years and is known to have been arrested innumerable times by local authorities but not known to have ever been convicted or at least sentenced to physical incarceration. He stated KRASNO's establishment has now been torn down, but was located at approximately 740 North 3rd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in a one or two story building. He utilized the second floor, the first floor now being recalled as having been occupied by some clothing establishment. PCI further identified the establishment as being located directly across the street from the Miller Hotel.

PCI stated it was his recollection that during part of KRASNO's gambling activities, he was in some type of partnership with LOU SIMON; that following the arrest, possibly in 1935 or 1936 for both of these men, they split up but not because of any personal differences, and afterwards LOU SIMON eventually moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where he is now operating a "short card game" at the Freemont Hotel, where SIMON is now thought to reside, or for which he can be located.

Regarding JACK LEON RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD, PCI stated that he had never heard of either of these names until the newspaper publicity arising from the assassination of President KENNEDY in Dallas on 11-22-63; that he is positive neither KRASNO or SIMON had any "young punk" at the age RUBY would have been during 1932, employed or associated with them; that to begin with, the "punk" would have been too young and inexperienced in the game to have been accepted by local Milwaukee gamblers who have always been elderly and experienced and again that the gambling element at that time played area from Chicago characters, wanted no part of the criminal conditions then existing in the Chicago area.

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PCI further stated that he is satisfied in his own mind that listed relatives of JACK LEON RUBY under the surname of RUBINSTEIN, had ever frequented the Milwaukee area.